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Soviet Troops in Szombathely.

1. On 8 August 1951, a sentry, wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, was observed in front of the main entrance to the new Gendarmerie Barracks on Faludy Ferenc Street in Szombathely (P 48/C 73). Office rooms were believed to be located in the three-story building facing the street. Four artillery pieces and four full-track vehicles were seen in front of a shed in the barracks installation. Three officers and about 20 soldiers were near the shed; the officers appeared to be giving instructions. A total of about 60 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen in the billeting area.
2. The approaches to the Haladas Athletic Field as from the west side of Rohonci Street were guarded by sentries who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Sixteen armored track-laying vehicles were parked in a long shed there, and 12 trucks were parked at the quarters. The billeting area included a repair shop, in front of which a chassis with caterpillar drive was standing. About 30 Soviet soldiers were seen in the billeting area.
3. Twelve full-track vehicles were parked in Herics Garden on the north side of Szekely Ferenc Street, which was guarded by a sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Sixteen trucks stood to the right and left of the entrance to the garden on Szekely Ferenc Street. There was no vehicular traffic. About 25 soldiers, wearing red-bordered black epaulets, were seen marching from the garden to the Faludy Ferenc High School. A total of about 40 soldiers were seen in Herics Garden. An observation post, about two meters high, was on top of the roof of the four-story former Faludy Ferenc High School. The quarters were guarded by sentries who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia.
4. Soviet soldiers in coveralls were engaged in work on 19 full-track vehicles in front of a brick shed of the barracks installation on

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the west side of Paragvari Street. Light trucks and 3 field kitchens stood in the barracks yard. Numerous motor vehicle wrecks were piled up south of the barracks installation. About 40 soldiers were seen in the billeting area. Sentries there wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Truck [redacted] drove into the installation.

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5. The Kavallerie Barracks at 11 Husaren Street was guarded by a sentry who wore red-bordered black epaulets. About 60 Soviet soldiers were seen in the extensive billeting area. No armored vehicles and other track-laying vehicles were noticed. Truck [redacted] was seen entering the barracks installation from the center of the town. (1).

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Soviet Troops in Szekesfehervar.

6. On 12 August, the Soviet quarters on the east side of Hor Street in Szekesfehervar (Q 48/Z 00) was guarded by a sentry who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Truck [redacted] occupied by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets, stood in front of the building. No Soviet personnel was seen entering or leaving the quarters. The installation is located directly north of Zirkus Square, also called Market Square, and was believed to include the former Hungarian New Corps Headquarters, a four-story building with 20 windows fronting the street. Several other nearby buildings were guarded by Soviet sentries. (2)

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Soviet Troops in Haymasker.

7. [redacted] from 200 to 300 Soviet soldiers resting east of the Haymasker railroad station, along the railroad line running from north to south. Armored vehicles were seen at a far distance. [redacted] the training area near Haymasker was occupied to capacity by Soviet troops and [redacted] numerous private apartments had been confiscated by the Russians. (3)

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Soviet Troops in Veszprem.

8. On 12 August, it was observed that a barracks installation occupied by several hundreds of Soviet soldiers was located on the east side of the road running from the suburban railroad station north of Veszprem (P 48/D 73) to Veszprem, about 800 meters from the railroad station. The installation consisted of 25 to 30 buildings, most of them two-story houses. Sentries wore black service color. About 80 motor vehicles, including many jeeps and not less than 12 two-axle armored scout cars, were seen in the billeting area. Two groups of soldiers, each of about 80 men wearing black service color and carrying small arms and light machine guns, were seen marching into the installation. There was no vehicular traffic. (4)

Soviet Troops in Sarvar.

9. No Soviet troops were stationed in Sarvar (P 48/C 99) proper on 12 August. [redacted] a Soviet laundry was housed in the dairy about 2 km southwest of Sarvar which, when in operation, would employ 40 women. The laundry was not

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in operation [redacted] since the units that usually turned in their laundry there were stationed in the Vas Komitat, and were absent on summer maneuvers. (5) 50X1-HUM

[redacted] Comments. 50X1-HUM

- (1) [redacted] the military quarters concerned were occupied by Soviet troops. tanks and motor vehicles had been loaded in Szombathely for shipment to Haymasker. Truck [redacted] in the present report belongs to an element of the 17th Gds Hecz Div in Szombathely. 50X1-HUM
- (2) [redacted] it is believed that Soviet officers who participated in courses of instruction held in buildings on Budai Street, were billeted there. 50X1-HUM
- (3) The troop training grounds is probably occupied by components of the 17th Gds Hecz Div, as it was in 1950.
- (4) [redacted] a Szabadi Barracks was located in Veszprem. Whether this barracks installation is the same as that referred to in the present report is still undetermined. It is furthermore undetermined whether Veszprem is permanently occupied by Soviet troops or whether it is occupied only during the summer months in connection with exercises at the Haymasker troop training grounds. 50X1-HUM
- (5) To date, no Soviet troops have been reported in Sarvar. In the Vas Komitat, i.e. in the localities of Szombathely, Győr, Keszeg and Koermend, elements of the 17th Gds Hecz Div have been reported. Summer maneuvers are believed to have taken place at the Haymasker troop training grounds.

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